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RATTRAY NAMED DEPUTY DEFENSE FISHERIES ADMINISTRATOR

Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman today announced the appointment of Maurice Rattray of Seattle, Wash., as a deputy administrator of the Defense Fisheries Administration.

The new deputy will assist DFA Administrator Albert M. Day and Deputy Administrator Milton C. James in the broad supervision of the Department's program for assuring sufficient fishery commodities to satisfy the country's emergency needs.

Mr. Rattray has been president of Anderson and Miskin, Ltd., exporters of canned foods, since 1938. He has been associated with the fishing industry during his entire business career, which began in Canada when he joined the firm of which he is now president. From 1925 to 1938, Mr. Rattray headed the firm's office in Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco, Calif. During World War II he served as chief of the Fish and Food Products Division of War Foods Administration in Washington, D. C.

Although born in the United States, Mr. Rattray was reared and educated in Canada and did not return to the United States until 1919, after World War I. During that war he joined the Canadian army as a private and completed his service as a captain in a British regiment.

Mr. Rattray is married and has two grown children, one of whom is a professor of Physics on the staff of the University of Washington at Seattle.

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